



WELLSPRINGS

Question and Issues Sheet - TV-10 INFUT program - Eden Undone

1. To what extent have technological "control" over the natural environment, and exploitation of natural resources for profit disturbed the "balance of nature" to the detriment of human health and well being?
 2. What historical trends of thought or current values of Western civilization tend to promote or justify an exploitative attitude toward our physical environment, as contrasted with earlier mankind's attitude of reverence toward nature?
 3. To what extent do man-made environmental factors contribute toward the extremely high incidence of degenerative diseases (cancer, heart and liver disorders, TB, ulcers, etc.) in the U.S. as compared with less industrialized countries?
 4. Should legal "ownership" or "rights" to use land or natural resources be accompanied by obligations to give high priority to the sustenance of human life, maintenance of a healthful environment, and conservation of natural resources?
 5. Is it technically possible now to overcome or reverse the effects of past misuse of natural resources and technology, and to prevent further soil depletion, destruction of the countryside, pollution and contamination of air and water, etc.?
- Why are known measures for removing air pollutants from the smoke and exhaust of factories, homes, boats, trucks, automobiles, and buses not widely used? Or required by government health and other regulating agencies?
- Why are known measures for growing pure, nutritious food not more widely used or required?
8. How can industries (mining, extracting, refining, manufacturing, and agricultural) be summoned to their social responsibility for self-regulation in preserving the integrity of the natural environment and public health?
 9. How can scientists and technicians act to motivate the firms which employ them to fulfill their responsibility of self-regulation?
 10. How can the general public (individuals and religious, social or political groups), and governmental bodies, act to require industries to fulfill their social responsibilities when they neglect to do so on their own initiative?

